### TJK/149

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Takeshi Kubota	)	SHAPED SHEET AND
	)	METHOD FOR
	)	PRODUCING THE SAME
PCT No: PCT/JP00/02656	)	
	)	
PCT Filing Date: 24 April 2000	)	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

# **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the application before the "BACKGROUND ART":

### -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the priority of Japanese patent application Serial No. P11-115743 filed on April 23, 1999. -

#### REMARKS

Please amend the above identified application by inserting priority information as set forth above.

Date: 12/22/2000
WILDMAN, HARROLD, ALLEN & DIXON
225 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Ph. 312/201-2000 Fax 312/201-2555 Respectfully submitted,

By: Timothy J. Keefer, Reg. No. 35,567

"E: 100" making label number: EL3041401405

There are high that this paner or lee is being deposited with the United Little Postal Service Express Mail Post Office to Addition on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assis. In consistency for Patents Washington, IDC 20231.